

**City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation  
Festival of the Falls  
Children's Costume Contest Rules and Guidelines**

**2008 Festival of the Falls Children's Costume Contest:**

The Children's Costume Contest will begin no later than 1:45 pm on Saturday, October 18 as part of the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department's Festival of the Falls event. Thank you to all participants for attending! Participants will be divided into three age categories:

0-4 years

5-8 years

9-15 years

**How to Enter**

Register for the Children's Costume Contest on site at Lower Cascades Park the day of the event. We recommend that you report to the registration tent by 1:30 pm to fill out all necessary paperwork. The contest will begin at 1:45 pm. No registration fee is required; however, you must register in advance to receive an entry number.

All participants will walk in a parade around the park, beginning and ending at the main stage. Judging will conclude at the end of the parade.

**Contest Rules and Guidelines**

- Costumes should be short enough so that they do not cause your child to trip and fall.
- If your child wears a mask, double check that the eyeholes are large enough to see through clearly and your child can breathe easily.
- Costume must be homemade. No store-bought costumes.
- All entrants must report to the stage no later than 1:45 pm. We recommend entrants arrive by 1:30 pm.
- All entrants must complete a registration form prior to the start of judging to be considered.
- The decision of the judges is final.

**Judging**

1. The judges will select the winners in each age category based on the following criteria:

- Is the costume creative?
- Does the costume fit properly?
- Is the costume safe?
- Level of difficulty in making the costume

2. Participants must register for the Costume Contest by 1:45 pm on Saturday, October 18. Late entries will not be considered.
3. By entering the contest, entrants agree to these rules and the judging process, which shall be final. Entrants also agree to allow Bloomington Parks and Recreation to use their names, contest entries, likenesses and/or other related information for promotional purposes.
4. One prize in each age group will be awarded.
5. In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected by random draw.
6. Prizes won by minors will be awarded to parent or legal guardian who must sign and return all required documents.
7. Winners will be announced from the main stage at Festival of the Falls on Saturday, October 18 at 3:45 pm.

Have fun, and good luck!

